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Sierra Club endorses Capps, encourages students to vote

Club also attacks Bordonaro's record on environmental issues

By Jaime Borasi
Daily Opinion Editor

Forest green Sierra Club banners adorned the U.U. Thursday where members from the environmental group came together with local officials to support Lois Capps and garner student-voter turnout for the special March 10 congressional election.

Behind the motto "Tom Bordonaro: He's NO friend to the environment," Pat Veasart, chairman of the Santa Lucia Chapter of the Sierra Club, was joined by San Luis Obispo Mayor Allen

Settle, County Supervisor Peg Pinard, a representative from the San Luis Bay Surfrider Foundation and a representative for District II supervisor Bud Laurent.

Veeasart said the Sierra Club supports Capps because she's pledged to continue her husband's environmental legacy. Walter Capps received a rating of 100-percent by the League of Conservation Voters in 1997.

According to Veasart, low student-voter turnout in last month's election was the main reason for bringing the Sierra

Club's message to Cal Poly.

"Our primary focus in the campaign is to alert students to (Tom Bordonaro's) bad environmental voting record," Veasart said. "Student-voter turnout isn't really high. If they knew the environmental issues that were out there, they'd get out there and vote."

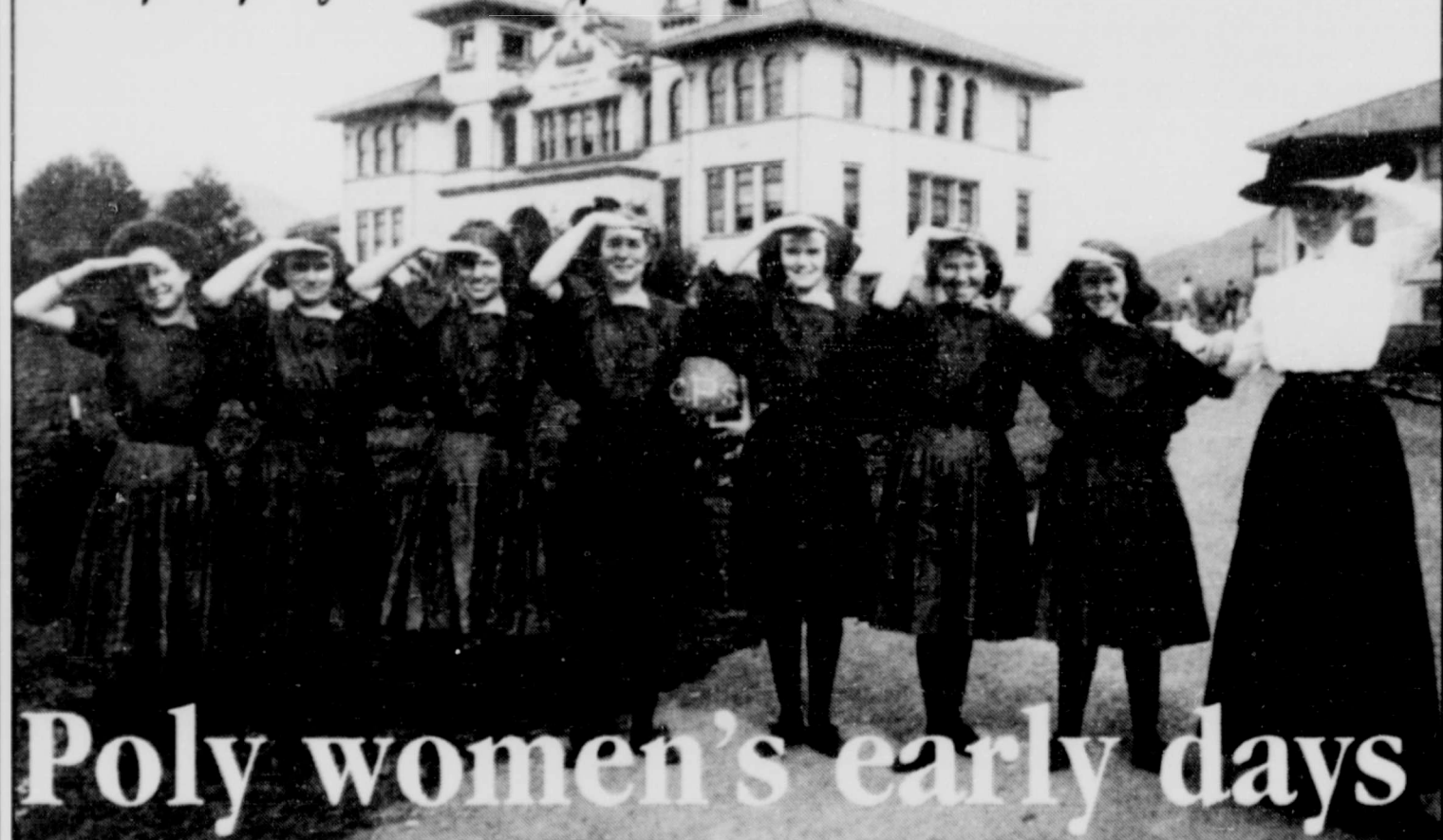
Stephen Peterson, a city and regional planning masters student, volunteered at the Sierra Club information table in an attempt to bring students up to speed with the two candidates'

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From top left: Surfrider Raymond Mackenzie, Mayor Allen Settle, the Sierra Club's Pat Veasart, Supervisor Peg Pinard and District II representative Sara Christie visited campus to support Capps and the student vote. / Daily photo by Joe Johnston

A legacy of learning...



By Britt Fekete
Daily Staff Writer

Times have changed at Cal Poly since 1903. For the four women who were a part of its first graduating class in 1906, the university was a place they went to enhance their skills as home-makers and socialize with the other four male students.

Quite a change from today's Cal Poly women, who are engineers, architects, mathematicians, tractor drivers - you name it, women are doing it.

Women's history at Cal Poly takes turns through exclusion, acceptance and equality. On Wednesday afternoon, one woman from Special Collections and University Archives hosted

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Photos courtesy of Teresa Taylor

(Top) The 1909 Cal Poly women's basketball team with coach Margaret Chase. (Above) Cal Poly students in Domestic Science class, 1904.

Info, get your ASI info

ASI plans to set up a booth, giving students the low-down on important issues

By Andi Joseph
Daily Staff Writer

Members of ASI believe they may not be doing enough to make sure students are familiar with the issues that affect them or with the workings of ASI itself.

Hoping to change this, the Board of Directors discussed the possibility of setting up an information booth at Wednesday night's board meeting. The booth was proposed to be set up out-

side Thursdays during U.U. hour.

The bill, presented by College of Engineering board member Kevin Schimmel, came in hopes of improving ASI's outreach and student accessibility on campus. Currently, unlike several student services and clubs, ASI does not have an information table set up during U.U. hour.

The use of an information booth would allow students to ask questions and address concerns about campus issues without having to step inside the ASI office. Schimmel said students who do not have any type of connection with their ASI college representative would have regular access to campus information

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Culture Fest is coming: whether rain or shine

By Andi Joseph
Daily Staff Writer

El Niño may cause the cancellation of Farmer's Market and Mardi Gras, but its power won't hold back Culture Fest. No matter what Saturday's weather will be, the festive celebration of culture will go on, rain or shine.

The 2nd annual ASI Culture Fest will be held 12 to 8 p.m. Saturday in the Rec Center. The celebration, free to the public, will

feature dance performances, food and drink, display booths, music and singing.

All of the food and display booths will be located outside the Rec Center while all performances will be held indoors. If El Niño does strike and it rains, all booths will be moved indoors.

Rosie Faifua, ASI executive staff member, said Culture Fest is an opportunity for people of all

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NEWSbriefs

Utilidor slogan contest winner chosen

The Utilidor slogan contest has found its winner. Provost Paul Zingg came up with "UTILIDOR: Out of Sight, Out of Mind" as the end-of-project slogan.

Jo Ann Lloyd of the Communications Office was the runner-up with "UTILIDOR: From Tunnel vision to Hindsight."

Other entries which received honorable mention were "Utilidor...NO MORE! You can see the campus core, SPIRITS ROAR!!" (submitted by Anne Arnett in Transportation), "Utilidor...Is No More" (by Elberta Kerr, Facility Services and Patti Hamer Breckenridge, Environmental Horticulture Sciences) and "UtiliDONE" (by David Burman).

Zingg's winning slogan will be the official motto for the end-of-the project party on April Fool's Day in the U.U. Plaza.

Fifty-six entries were submitted and judged by one person from on campus and one from off campus. Each participant will receive a custom button with their slogan on it and each entry will appear on the Utilidor Web Site.

Last chance to file for ASI positions

If you want to be an elected student representative, better get a move on. Today's the last day to file for ASI President, Board of Directors and Chairman of the Board. Get those election packets turned in and make sure you read Mustang Daily Monday to find out who's in the running.

O'Connell authors bill in hopes of a cleaner environment

On Wednesday, State Sen. Jack O'Connell introduced a bill to exempt people buying zero-emission vehicles and low-emitting vehicles—those achieving a fuel mileage rating of 64 miles per gallon or more—from having to pay sales tax.

As vehicles achieve higher mileage ratings, tailpipe emissions are significantly decreased.

California law requires a 10-percent increase in zero-emission vehicles put out on the market by 2003 as well as increased availability of low-emission and ultra-low emission vehicles in that same time period.

O'Connell said the cost of current low or zero-emission vehicles are already high, so adding the sales tax can put them that much further out of consumers' range. He added that this bill will help the environment and will stimulate the market for this type of vehicle. He also said it will create jobs, benefit consumers and push the auto industry toward cleaner, more efficient methods of production.

There are more than 40,000 electric vehicles registered with the DMV in California alone which would qualify for the exemption once they are re-sold.

The bill will be heard by the Senate within the next few months.

Correction

The Smokey Joe's Café review in Thursday's Arts Weekly claimed the revue's songwriters, Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller, are dead. They both are actually quite alive and kicking. Mustang Daily regrets the error and will be sure to check the facts more accurately in the future.

Phone companies may be overcharging

By Jeannine Aversa
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's top three long-distance companies appear to be overcharging telephone customers and blaming it on new federal fees, the chairman of the Federal Communications Commission said Thursday.

The chairman, Bill Kennard, contends that the new fees were supposed to be offset by commission-ordered reductions in other fees long-distance companies pay.

But it doesn't appear that the companies have passed along some \$1 billion in reductions to their customers as they pledged, Kennard said. "They have yet to show me that consumers got the promised savings," he said.

AT&T, MCI and Sprint say they have passed along those reductions and disputed Kennard's suggestion that they may be overcharging customers.

The FCC sent letters to the chiefs of AT&T, MCI and Sprint Thursday, demanding that they turn over detailed rate information and "show us how they shared their lower costs with their consumers," Kennard said.

MCI, for instance, says that

the reductions are being used to offer customers 5-cents-per-minute calling on Sundays, which debuted in September and is still being offered.

But Kennard, in his letters, said there is a "growing body of evidence that suggests that the nation's largest long-distance companies are raising rates ... even though recent actions of this commission have in fact reduced the long-distance companies' costs."

His comments come as the FCC has been investigating a growing number of complaints from telephone customers about overbilling for new federal fees, which took effect Jan. 1.

Those fees, imposed on long-distance companies, go to local phone companies for connecting long-distance calls. They are also used to subsidize local phone service in rural and other high-cost areas. Long-distance companies typically pass along the fees to their customers.

The new fees came about after the FCC revamped phone prices last year. A new per-line charge was imposed on long-distance companies to help pay for access to local phone networks.

The FCC says the charge did-

n't increase the total dollar amount long-distance companies pay local companies to connect calls. It just changed the way the charges are assessed: from a per-minute basis to a per-line basis.

The line charge was set at a flat fee of \$2.75 a month for businesses with multiple phone lines, 53 cents a month for businesses with one phone line and \$1.50 a month for homes with more than one phone line.

But long-distance companies say they are having trouble assessing the fees on a per-line basis because they can't get accurate information from local phone companies about the type and number of lines a customer has. Even local phone companies concede they can't provide all of the information to long-distance companies.

As a result, MCI, for instance, is charging all residential customers \$1.07 per line per month. AT&T, which now charges homes with multiples lines \$1.50 a month, will be changing the way it assesses the fees in April. AT&T will charge all residential customers on discounted calling plans a flat monthly fee of 95 cents regardless of the number of lines they have.

Gas prices edging down, lowest in years

By Randolph E. Schmid
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With spring in the wings and vacation season on the way, there's good news for many Americans: cheaper gasoline.

No, the nation isn't heading back to the two-bits-a-gallon days.

But in some parts of the country, prices have fallen under \$1 a gallon in recent months, the lowest since 1994.

Ten gallons for less than ten bucks?

"I knew they were going down, but this is the first day I noticed the price was less than the gallons I bought," said Toni Walling of Des Moines as she purchased gasoline at 99.9 cents-a-gallon.

"It gives people a little break," added Matt McKinney of nearby Waukee, Iowa. "It saves a little money."

But Ronald Mudge of Bondurant, Iowa, wasn't satisfied. "It's not low enough," he said. "There's a lot of gas out there and someone in the middle is making a whole lot."

John Strack of Little Rock, Ark., said he was paying about \$1.30 in Jacksonville, Fla., before he moved recently. He was filling his sport utility vehicle at \$1.01 and said "I noticed it drop four or five cents over the last month."

Gas isn't that cheap everywhere, but an American Automobile Association survey found the average price for a gallon of self-service unleaded is \$1.11 this month, 17.3 cents less than a year ago. That's the lowest national average since May 1994 when it was \$1.10.

In Kansas City, Mo., where he was filling up at 94.9 cents-a-gallon, ice cream truck driver George Novick said, "You never know why the prices are going up or down."

But some people have an idea. Thank the Asian financial crisis, El Nino and improved technology, said Mike Shanahan, a spokesman for the American Petroleum Institute.

Asia's financial problems have reduced the amount of oil being bought in that region, causing a drop in oil prices. In addition, the El Nino weather pattern so wide-

ly blamed for storms in California brought a mild winter to the normally colder parts of the country, reducing the need for heating oil. And, finally, oil companies have been able to find more oil because of better prospecting techniques.

That means there is a lot of oil available.

And the apparent settlement with Iraq may bode well for the future.

"We're going to get more Iraqi oil hitting the oil terminals and the terminals are full so prices could come down more," said economist Donald Ratajczak of Georgia State University.

The Petroleum Institute's Shanahan notes that local prices depend on a variety of other conditions such as taxes, the need for special air cleaning additives in some areas and the competition—or lack of it—between gas stations.

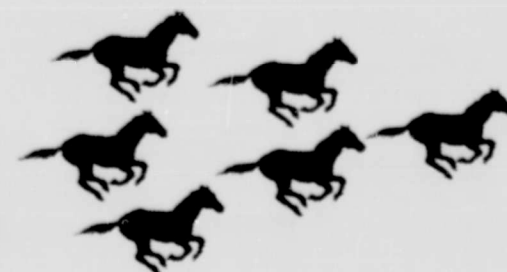
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Dylan family nets five Grammys; Colvin wins song, record of year

By Mary Campbell
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Dylan family — Bob and son Jakob — netted five Grammys and the inspirational ballad "I Believe I Can Fly" brought soul singer R. Kelly three awards Wednesday night, while Shawn Colvin won two of the night's biggest awards, song and record of the year, for "Sunny Came Home."

As the music world bestowed its top honors, Bob Dylan, less than a year after he suffered a life-threatening heart infection, won best album and best contemporary folk album for "Time Out of Mind." A song from that album, "Cold Irons Bound," also was honored as best rock performance.

"We didn't know what we had when we did it," Dylan said in accepting the best album award. "But we did it anyway."

His performance of the song, "Love Sick," was interrupted by a shirtless dancer with the words "Soy Bomb" painted on his chest. Bob's only response: quizzically raised eyebrows.

Jakob Dylan won as a composer of the best rock song, "One Headlight," performed by his band, the Wallflowers. The same song was honored as the best rock vocal performance by a duo or group.

Rapper Puff Daddy, Lilith Fair founder Sarah McLachlan, country-bluegrass performer Alison Krauss, cellist Yo-Yo Ma, soul newcomer Erykah Badu and the late newsman Charles Kuralt were also multiple winners in the 40th annual awards show, held in Radio City Music Hall.

Paula Cole, who sang her ballad "Where Have All the Cowboys Gone?," won for best new artist.

Kelly received a standing ovation when he performed "I Believe I Can Fly," which won for best male rhythm and blues performance, best rhythm and blues song and best song specifically written for a motion picture. He thanked basketball superstar Michael Jordan, star of the movie, "Space Jam."

"You know when you pray for something, you get it better than what you pray for," he said.

The crowd gave another standing ovation for Aretha Franklin, who filled in for an ailing Luciano Pavarotti. Only minutes after she

sang her signature song, "Respect," she sang "Nessun Dorma" from Puccini's "Turandot."

Elton John also won a best male pop vocal performance Grammy for "Candle in the Wind 1997," his eulogy to Princess Diana that became the best-selling single of all time.

When Colvin came up to the stage to accept her song of the year award, the microphone was hijacked by another interloper, ODB of the rap group Wu-Tang Clan, who bragged about his group. ODB later was escorted from the hall.

"I'm confused now," Colvin, the veteran folk artist, said. "It's been a long road and this does matter. I appreciate it."

Actor-rapper Will Smith, who won his third Grammy award in a decade for "Men in Black," dedicated his award to the late rapper Tupac Shakur and the Notorious B.I.G. He called them prophets

who helped rap out of its own "dark ages."

"Two and a half years ago the state of rap was such that I didn't want to rap anymore," he said.

Grammy voters chose Trisha Yearwood's "How Do I Live" as best female country performance. Among her competitors: LeAnn Rimes, for her version of the same Diane Warren song.

"I know how strange it must be to have 50 million versions of this song out there," Yearwood said. She also won an award for "In Another's Eyes," her duet with Garth Brooks.

Puff Daddy was honored with the best rap album Grammy for "No Way Out." His top-selling tribute to the Notorious B.I.G., "I'll Be Missing You," won for best rap performance by a duo or group. Known more as a producer, Puff Daddy wasn't even nominated in the best producer category, won by Babyface.

Grammys amounted to a salute to rock's old guard

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — When John Fogerty was cranking out classic hits for Creedence Clearwater Revival three decades ago, he'd watch the Grammys and see Henry Mancini, Tony Bennett and Frank Sinatra carrying home all the trophies.

Bennett's still winning — some people are just indestructible — but this year's Grammys showed rock's old guard being recognized by a music establishment that once wished they would go away.

"It's kind of a function of the calendar," Fogerty said. "Sooner or later you become old enough to win a Grammy."

Fogerty won his first Grammy in Wednesday night's ceremony, for best rock album. During the days he was writing songs like "Proud Mary," "Green River" and "Fortunate Son," he was never even nominated.

Bob Dylan, who had won or shared in only four minor Grammys during his entire career, doubled that in one night

Wednesday. He was a sentimental favorite after suffering a life-threatening heart infection last year. His top award was best album for "Time Out of Mind."

Van Morrison and blues artist John Lee Hooker received a Grammy for their collaboration on "Don't Look Back." They beat Grammy favorites like Barbra Streisand and Celine Dion.

James Taylor's best pop album Grammy for "Hourglass" was his third award and first since 1977. His producer, Frank Filipetti, said voters were probably looking at more than just one album when they checked the names of Taylor and some of his older colleagues.

"Certainly I can't sit there and definitely say that it's not a nostalgia vote," he said.

It's not as if those artists have given up creating; Dylan's album was widely acknowledged as his strongest in decades and Fogerty's comeback showed real vigor. Veteran folk-rocker Shawn Colvin, who won song and record of the year for "Sunny Came Home," produced the best work of her career.

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environmental stances.

"Cal Poly had a very poor turn-out in the primary and we're hoping to change that today," Peterson said.

Peterson displayed environmental scorecards which listed Bordonaro's previous voting record on environmental issues from the past three years.

In 1997, Bordonaro cast anti-environmental votes for solar energy financing, air pollution monitoring, funding for alternatives to diesel (one of the highest of transportation pollutants), inland oil spill prevention and many others.

In the same year, Bordonaro voted pro-environmentally for closing loopholes in water pollution laws, pollution in coastal waters, air pollution monitoring and building recycling laws.

Liberal studies senior Jim Bailey said visiting the information table cemented his decision to vote for Capps. Bailey said that environmental issues are high priority for him and should be for residents on the Central Coast.

"We live in an area that has a lot of quality land that doesn't need to be paved over like our neighbors to the South," Bailey said.

Todd Harris, a Tom Bordonaro spokesman, said that the Sierra Club wants a candidate to focus primarily on the environment while leaving other issues aside.

"The difference that Tom

Bordonaro has with groups like the Sierra Club is that they think the only issue you should focus on is the environment," Harris said. "Tom thinks there's a common sense way to protect people, business and the environment."

Harris said that it's hard for average people to live up to the high environmental standards of the Sierra Club.

"Compared to the Sierra Club, most people are no friend to the environment," Harris said. "They think if you drive a car that's more than seven years old, you're no friend to the environment."

Harris also said that students are an important segment of the voting population.

"Students get more information about the election and current events than anyone," Harris said. "They are some of the best educated voters. We believe the more educated the voter, the more likely they are to vote for Tom."

Mayor Settle said he supports Capps over Bordonaro for two main reasons.

"We're looking for someone in Congress that represents this district and not Georgia's," Settle said. "And Tom's record regarding environmental measures needs to be clarified."

Sara Christie, a representative for District II supervisor Bud Laurent, spoke in Laurent's absence.

"The best thing that students could do for the environment is vote for Lois Capps," Christie said.

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different backgrounds to come together in celebration of their differences.

"It's a festival recognizing the importance of diversity," Faifua said. "We have everything from the Gay and Lesbian Alliance having a food booth to the Muslim Student Association providing information on the nation of Islam. It's a little bit of everything."

"We're also going to have two DJs from Power 106, a big R&B rap station down south, so we'll have great DJs, music and dancing," she added.

Although the rain may continue, Faifua said February is the perfect time for Culture Fest.

"We want to use this as a kick-

off to all the different cultural events that are coming up, like Asian Awareness Month and Cinco de Mayo," she said.

Veronica Estrada, of the ASI Ethnic and Culture Relations Committee, said Culture Fest is an event everyone should attend.

"It's really going to be a great day," Estrada said. "Culture Fest is just a day to become more knowledgeable in different aspects of different cultures and religions."

Culture Fest is being put on by ASI and is co-sponsored by the Multicultural Center and the Rec Center.

Approximately 1,500 people came to last year's festival and ASI is expecting just as many, if not more, to attend Saturday's celebration.

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Nathan Pontious

Well now, if you're like me then you probably haven't seen a blue sky or yellow sun for quite a few weeks now. Storm clouds can often put a damper on an otherwise sunny day, it's true. And what's more, we have to deal with the Capture Lady sadist, whom we all know is the ringleader behind the conspiracy known on the street as "Registration." Not to mention it's that time of the quarter when it seems like all your financial aid is going toward blue books, scantrons, No. 2 pencils, and parking tickets.

Is it all you can do to fight off these fits of depression, only to find yourself waiting for that SLO Transit bus that never comes? Do you wonder if you are getting the quality of education Cal Poly is becoming famous for—and does that worry you too? "Perhaps," you say to yourself, "Perhaps I should have listened more carefully to my high school army recruiter."

Well I have learned something. On a recent trip I took to San Francisco, it occurred to me that there is knowledge to be gleaned from the street—not from mere printed words! (Note: disregard preceding statement until done with this article) The following is a brief synopsis of some things I learned while playing, so to speak, in the street. There will be no test.

For one, you can not turn left anywhere. To make a left turn in the city is like walking into a trap, except you are in a car—thus not walking—and the trap is a one-way street coupled with an unsympathetic cop.

If you are with someone you are quite fond of and are going out to dinner and it happens to be Valentine's Day, you would be ill-advised to invite another person. My poor friend Jake had to share the back seat with his girlfriend and her friend the World's Most Boring Conversationalist—which brings me to the next thing I learned.

If you are sharing the back seat with your friend and her boyfriend (we'll call him "Jake"), it is best to try and make idle conversation, thus avoiding any uncomfortable silence and being unfairly labeled the World's Most Boring Conversationalist.

Parking in SLO is cake compared to San Francisco on a Saturday night. I heard that there is an average count of eight parking spaces at 10 in the morning on campus, which is approximately eight more than in North Beach at 10 in the evening.

Much like the faculty offices at Poly, it is a lot easier than you think to get lost on Pier 39. And it is just as hard to admit to getting lost.

Maps, like textbooks, tell you where you are and where you are far from being. But not only this, they are something of a sedative to any irate passengers who are tired of being stuck in the back seat while you make wrong left turns.

There is much to be learned out there! Don't report to your Navy Recruiter's office just yet! Remember: Spring is on its way, and so is your Stafford Loan! Until next time!

Nate Pontious prides himself on taking Cal Poly's "learn by doing" philosophy to the streets, whatever the cost.

Don't believe Stenner ad

By Steven Geringer

I am writing in response to an advertisement that Stenner Glen placed in Thursday's issue of Mustang Daily. As a former resident of Stenner Glen I found the advertisement quite humorous.

Stenner Glen claims that they have a beautiful creekside setting. This is not true. The "beautiful creekside setting" that they claim to have consists of beer cans in the creek and homeless people sleeping alongside, right behind the resident buildings.

Also, in their brochure, Stenner Glen states to some degree that it's just a brisk walk through the creek to the Cal Poly campus. Well, I guess if you consider risking your own life by jumping down rocks and across boards and climbing a 50 foot steep hill to get to the other side, then I guess Stenner Glen isn't fabricating the truth at all.

Stenner Glen also claims that they offer housekeeping assistance. That is complete and utter bullshit. If the cleaning lady "decided" to show up, we were happy. But when she went up to our suite and saw that it was just a little dirty, she refused to clean. Excuse me, but isn't the point of a cleaning lady to clean? Yeah, that's what I thought. Obviously I was wrong. After my suitemates and I complained to the staff of Stenner Glen about the horrible cleaning arrangements, they just brushed it off and said they would take care of it. Then, shortly after that, we had a sign on our suite door stating that if we didn't clean our suite, we would be charged \$10 per bag after they cleaned. Once again, I don't understand their thinking.

Stenner Glen says that they have a heated swimming pool. It may be. But as

long as I lived there it was NEVER heated. The only time I saw them do something to the pool is when a rat had drowned in there, and the time that lawn furniture was thrown in the pool.

Finally, Stenner Glen states in their ad that they have a "caring staff." This is what pissed me off the most. Stenner Glen and "caring staff" do not belong in the same sentence; especially during the time when I lived there. If you looked at a resident adviser the wrong way, they would verbally threaten you or watch you 24/7 to bust you on something. Even the pettiest things, such as "talking to loud" outside on a Saturday night at 8p.m.

Also, I don't know how many times I have heard the staff at Stenner Glen make derogatory remarks about certain residents to their face and behind their backs. Their "holier than thou" attitude (when ironically they are the same age as I am) made them think that they were invincible. When I "partied" with the staff one night, I brought up a topic that a certain drunk RA didn't like and he came after me in order to fight. What a "caring and responsible staff." All they care about is intimidating the residents and trying to get into bed with the freshman girls.

I don't want this to sound slanderous against Stenner Glen (although it seems like I do) but I am just stating facts. If that gets me in trouble like Oprah, then so be it. I feel that the public who reads Mustang Daily needs to know the truth and that wasn't being told by Stenner's advertisements.

Steven Geringer is a journalism sophomore.

To protect and serve you and me

Editor,

Words alone seem grossly inadequate to express the heaviness which I feel in my heart concerning the deaths of the two California Highway Patrol officers Tuesday morning. They were enroute to protect and to serve you and me, or at least someone just like you and me, when they suddenly found themselves being buried by the very disaster they were to protect us from.

These two officers are someone's son, someone's brother, someone's husband, father and friend, and they deserve to be remembered for their service to each of us. Theirs is NOT just another story for the 6:00 o'clock news; it is NOT what many would refer to as just one of the hazards of the job. Fact is: each of these men left wives and children who will now have to live with the MEMORY of their husband and father, rather than WITH their husband and father.

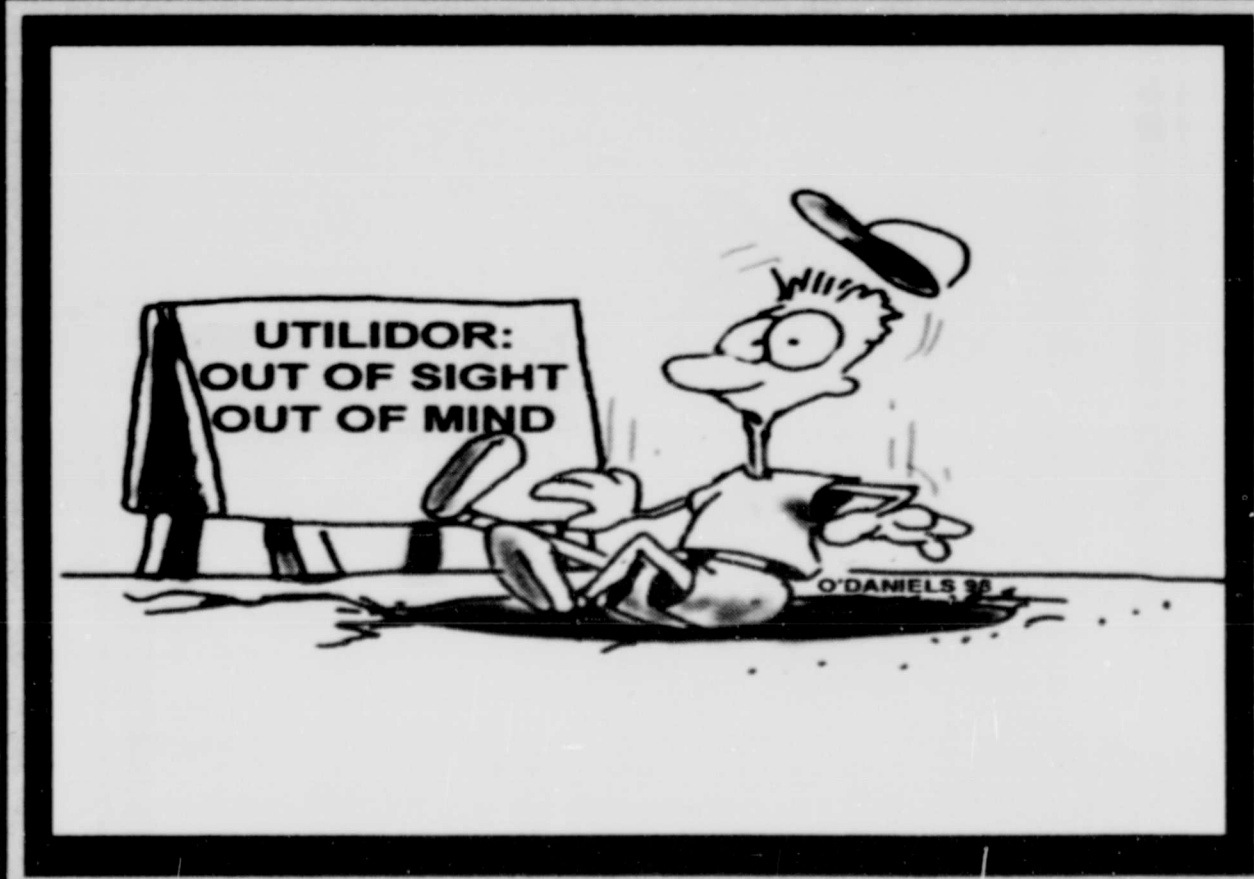
We, many times, are fed images of what is NOT good about this world in which we live. For just a brief moment I ask that each of us step outside of ourselves and focus on the contribution society enjoyed from these two very fine individuals, and say a small prayer for their survivors. Perhaps in some small way it will help. We, you and I, could even send a card to the CHP office in Santa Maria and ask that they forward it to the officer's families. Believe me, it WILL make a difference.

Ken L. Brown is a manufacturing and industrial engineering associate professor.

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a trip through time in celebration of Women's History Month.

"Loyal Polys We The Girls Of Old Cal Poly," a lecture with slides, displayed what life was like for the first generation of female students at Cal Poly from 1903-1930.

Teresa Taylor, archivist for the university, lectured to an intimate group of 14 women and one man in Robert E. Kennedy Library about Cal Poly's beginnings and the role women played during these first years.

When Cal Poly opened in 1903, San Luis Obispo had a population of 4,000. As a vocational school, the original curriculum at Cal Poly taught students skills in different trades. For the male student, that meant farming. For the female, that meant learning how to cook, do laundry and other fundamentals of keeping up a house and taking care of a family.

The specific curriculum for women included courses on dressmaking, free-hand drawing (so they could draw their own dress patterns), botany, practical gardening and home nursing. Some trained with the Red Cross. Female students were also taught to make such items as birdhouses, wood hangers and recipe boxes.

The women also participated in sports—an area where they had an opportunity to be equal to the men. Some athletics included basketball, baseball and tennis. In 1917, women began learning folk dancing and gymnastics.

Taylor said the academic component of the curriculum was established for both sexes between 1915 and 1919. This allowed women to take formal chemistry and physics classes.

Taylor said there were two unfinished buildings on campus when the first class arrived. One building contained the classrooms and administration and the other building was the dormitory.

Because the male-female ratio was 3 to 1, the men were allowed to live on campus. Thus the women had to find residences off campus, typically at boarding houses. They would usually cook and clean in exchange for a place to stay.

Since there wasn't a building with a proper kitchen facility on campus until 1908, when the household arts building was built, many of the women's hands-on work was done in the dorm.

"The girls used the boys' dorm as an experiment lab," Taylor said.

She said the girls didn't actually serve the boys and do their laundry, they just used the building.

Taylor said during these first years, when the campus was small (the first graduating class in 1906 had 4 males and 4 females), it was a much more intimate place than it is today.

"All the students knew each other, all the students knew the faculty and the faculty knew all the students. They socialized together, they worked together, it was a very tightly knit community," she said.

"On the other hand, there's that saying: the more things change the more they stay the same. I see a lot of similarities in the challenges that the girls faced then that students still face today: how to make ends meet, the problem of housing,

how to juggle your course load against your work load. I think the students today would recognize from their own experience

and be able to have a lot of sympathy (for the girls)," Taylor added.

Taylor said the girls were not a priority when administration decisions were made regarding the school.

During the 1920s, the girls were not allowed to enter the agriculture or engineering programs. In 1930, the university closed its doors to women completely. Cal Poly's mission was then revised to

improve teaching effectiveness. The school also faced a financial crisis and the girls' program was cut to allow only agricultural programs for male students.

Cal Poly opened back up to women in the fall of 1956.

Sonja Glassmeyer, physical education and kinesiology professor, was one of the first women to enter Cal Poly after it reopened. She enrolled in the fall of 1957. After her first year, she left school to get married and raise a family. Her husband was also a Cal Poly student and graduated in industrial technology.

Glassmeyer said she went back to school winter quarter of 1970 and graduated from Cal Poly in 1973, with a B.S. in physical education. After getting her master's degree, she began teaching physical education at Cal Poly, taking a break to earn her doctorate degree. She said she loved Cal Poly as a student and now as a professor.

"I remember all the men because at that time there was a male-to-female ratio of about 12 to 1 when I came to school in the mid-1950s, and of course I thought I'd died and gone to heaven," she said.

"I remember any time you went on a date that you always got all cleaned up, but many times the guys you would be dating were ag guys and would come right out of the field. They didn't quite have the appreciation for getting cleaned up," she added.

Glassmeyer said she remembers how small San Luis Obispo was at that time, noting that there wasn't a stoplight on every corner and all the streets were two-way.

She said the big hangout for her and her friends was the cafeteria and a few cafes downtown which have since been replaced by other buildings and a gas station.

"I thought (the presentation) was great. I learned a lot about the early days of Cal Poly that I didn't know. I knew some bits and pieces but I even saw some pictures I hadn't seen before," Glassmeyer said.

Cal Poly alumna Vicki Kastner also attended the presentation.

"I thought it was fascinating. Teresa was thorough and it was nice to feel an affinity with all those women of the past,"

she said.

Kastner has been using the archives room for about four months to do research for a book

she is writing about the Hearsts.

Taylor said she was pleased with the turnout and the variety of people who attended.

"They seemed to enjoy (the presentation), and there is nothing more gratifying than making people happy," she said.

Taylor said she hopes to continue giving lectures about women's history and the history of the campus in

general.

Taylor came to Cal Poly about two years ago from the East Coast. During the 1980s she received her B.A. in history at Bryn Mawr College, located just outside Philadelphia and known as one of the seven sisters colleges. Taylor then earned her masters at New York University.

Special Collections and University Archives is located in room 409 of the library. Its hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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and important issues which concern them.

"It would be a great place for those who don't have any contact with us to go and ask questions," Schimmel said. "It's a little less intimidating to walk to a booth than to walk into that (ASI office) when you're not familiar with it."

The booth would be run by ASI representatives who could administer surveys and publicize ASI committees with open positions. Students would also have the opportunity to meet and speak with their college representatives and student body officers.

College of Engineering board member Amy Luker said the bill is a much-needed one. She agreed with Schimmel, saying students are often intimidated by entering the unfamiliar ASI office, even if members attempt to be accessible.

"We always talk about outreach and all this," Luker said. "Last year they had office hours where the board of directors sat in the office (and waited for students to come in). And I know I never went in there and I had all kinds of questions. So this is a really cool idea."

The bill states that each ASI officer, including the board of directors and executive staff, would work the U.U. table at least twice a year. The bill does not, however, discuss any way of ensuring members really do help at the booth.

"I'm really in support of this

(bill), but I'm curious about (its) enforcement," vice-chairman of the board Bubba Murarka said. "Whoever is required to go out and (work at the booth), how is that enforced and are there any consequences (for not showing up)? There should be some specific policy."

The bill was then opened up for discussion and other members offered suggestions on how to enforce it.

College of Liberal Arts board member Andrew Kennerly said there should be some kind of motivation for ASI members to work the information table during U.U. hours, added to the bill.

"Maybe we could make it a job," Kennerly said. "Instead of really forcing people to go out there as representatives from ASI, we could offer them (an incentive)."

The bill states that the vice-chairman of the board will be responsible for scheduling dates the ASI representatives will work. The vice-chairman will also have complete discretion on how he or she wants to schedule the representatives.

The board members were unanimously in favor of the proposed bill. Schimmel said he would look into modes of enforcement, and the board will discuss the bill again in the coming weeks. If and when implemented, necessary materials will be gathered during spring quarter and the bill would go into effect fall quarter 1998.

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I remember all the men because at that time there was a male-to-female ratio of about 12 to 1 when I came to school in the mid 1950s, and of course I thought I'd died and gone to heaven.

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Physical education professor on her time as a student at Cal Poly

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Gift shot takes strange bounce for UConn coach

By Christine Hanley
Associated Press

Geno Auriemma wanted a happy ending. Now the story won't go away.

The Connecticut coach assailed the media Thursday for sensationalizing the gift shot that allowed Nykesha Sales to set a record, prompting a debate about the integrity of women's basketball.

"You guys just want a freaking story. And I gave you something to write about for two days," he said during a conference call. "We're feeding the fire. So let's just get on with it."

Auriemma contends the shot, which allowed Sales to break the school scoring record, was a gesture of affection for a deserving player. But even as friends and many colleagues rallied behind Auriemma, others insist the move trivialized the women's game.

Big East commissioner Mike Tranchese, who approved the

staged shot for the start of the Connecticut-Villanova game Tuesday night, conceded he would never have approved a similar ploy in men's basketball. He said male and female athletes should not be treated the same.

"It's a women's sport; this was a female player," he told the New York Daily News. "I am a man. I am not going to pretend to handle decisions on (men and women) exactly the same way."

Tranchese was traveling by train from New York to Providence, R.I., and could not be immediately reached for comment, the Big East office said.

Barbara Kennelly, the Connecticut congresswoman running for governor, said Tranchese should retract his comments, noting women for the last 25 years have "competed at the highest levels of their sports and broken down stereotypes."

"These efforts deserve our praise, not the thoughtless criticism offered by Mr. Tranchese," she said.

ABL's Williams leads Power to turnaround

By Bob Baum
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Her coach calls her the Karl Malone of women's basketball, and Natalie Williams likes the comparison.

"I was raised in Salt Lake City and I pretty much emulated my game after him, being strong and taking the soft little jumper," said the 6-foot-2 center for the ABL's Portland Power.

"I'm not one of the bigger posts in there, but I do like to go in there and bang around and do what I can to get the rebounds."

The American Basketball League will name its most valuable player next week, and the choice would seem to be a no-brainer.

Williams led the league in scoring (21.1 points per game) and rebounding (11.1) and was the main cog in the Power's ascent from the worst team in the ABL's first season to Western Conference champion in its second. And, she was second in field goal percentage, third in blocked shots and eighth in steals.

This week, she was a unanimous all-league selection for the second year in a row. Friday night, she leads the Power into the best-of-3 conference semifinals in Long Beach.

"I don't think the rookie of the year or MVP or anybody like that should come from a last-place team," Portland coach Lin Dunn said. "The fact she's taken our team from last to first and had

this outstanding year as far as her rebounding and scoring, that's what it takes to be an MVP."

Williams said the MVP award alone is not enough.

"It would be wonderful to win that," she said. "I played extremely hard in all those games. I just hope that with that MVP, we have a great opportunity to win the championship. I don't want to win the MVP and not make it to the championship round."

Williams, 27, traces her emergence in basketball to her decision to concentrate on one sport. As a youngster, she split her time between basketball, volleyball, softball and track.

At UCLA, she was the first woman named All-America in two sports (volleyball and basketball) and twice led the Bruins to the NCAA volleyball championship. She played pro beach volleyball for one season.

Her decision to make it basketball only came two years ago after she was one of the last women cut from the U.S. Olympic volleyball team.

"I think everything happens for a reason," she said. "If I would have made that team, I probably wouldn't be where I am today."

Two weeks after she was let go by USA Volleyball, she tried out for the prestigious Jones Cup basketball team and made it.

Last year, even though Portland languished with a 14-26 record, Williams was a unanimous all-ABL choice. She flirted with the idea of jumping to the

WNBA to play in her hometown of Salt Lake, but decided to stay in the ABL.

"It's a players' league and it would be hard to leave the great degree of play that's in this league," she said.

So she signed a two-year ABL contract and came back to Portland. During the summer, she played beach volleyball for one day near her home in Seal Beach, Calif. The rest of the time was spent on basketball, mostly in pickup games against men's teams at a local recreation hall.

"This was the first time I had solely focused on basketball and it really helped," she said. "I worked very hard to improve my game, playing against the guys all summer, working on my outside shot more. It was hard at first, but then I started playing with them. I learned a lot."

Williams edged New England's Carolyn Jones by one point for the scoring title, getting 29 in her regular-season finale.

Williams is halfway through her two-year ABL contract, which includes a clause that allows her to request a trade. The idea of playing for Long Beach, near her old school and her current home, is appealing.

"It's definitely a possibility," she said. "It's something that's been hinted, but something I don't want to deal with until after the season."

Polysyllabic hoops village: Krzyzewskiville

Mott Maniacs could take lessons from Duke fans

By Chris Duncan
Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — The garden of multicolored tents springs from a patch of mud between a block of tennis courts and a parking lot adjacent to Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Empty beer cans decorate the budding trees like Christmas ornaments and a Duke flag flies above the tiny village, marking the area as if it were an encampment of soldiers.

Welcome to Krzyzewskiville, the village named for Duke basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski, where more than 1,300 students are staked out in hopes of landing seats for Saturday's game against North Carolina.

Some students do homework on lawn chairs and giant beanbags outside their tents while others doze inside on piles of blankets and sleeping bags. One of the tents has a coffee table and couch, and two others have their own web pages. The hassle, these students say, is a small price for the country's biggest college basketball rivalry.

"I grew up here and I haven't missed a Duke-Carolina game since I was 5," said Christy Hamilton, a freshman from Durham. "And whenever Duke lost, my mom would let me stay home from school the next day

just so I wouldn't get ragged on."

School officials allow 100 tents on the triangular sliver of land that's no bigger than a regulation basketball court. A maximum of 15 people can be assigned to each tent and at least one person is required in each tent 24 hours a day.

The first tent went up Jan. 3 and earned the No. 1, meaning the students assigned to that tent can be first in line for each Duke home game. Each subsequent tent that went up was given a number that corresponds to its place in line.

Student government monitors check the tents five times a day in the two days leading to a Duke game. A tent must be occupied for three of the five checks for each student assigned to the tent to earn a wristband and entry into the game. Unoccupied tents can be bumped to the back of the line and even eliminated from the line altogether.

Most of the tents went up about six weeks ago and students have braved rain, insects, head colds and chicken pox just to get inside the raucous arena Saturday for the No. 1 Blue Devils' rematch with the No. 3 Tar Heels.

It is just a basketball game, isn't it?

"It's an event," said Neal Morgan, a sophomore from

Boston. "Last year, there were police with riot gear once the game got over. This year, they've outlawed bonfires and I guess they're organizing a foam party. That's kind of lame — I'd much rather burn stuff."

Eric Futran, a junior from Los Angeles, and Jeff Kessler, a senior from Farmington Hills, Mich., are two of the tenants in Tent No. 1. Both estimate they've spent about 70 hours there since the first week of January.

"We just really like those front-row seats at half-court," Kessler said.

Tent No. 11 is actually a four-walled plywood shanty. The one-room hovel comes complete with a veranda, coat rack, laundry bag and mirrored disco ball.

"Living here is hard some times but it's fun putting this much effort into it," said Daniel Karp, a junior from Princeton, N.J. "We'll see if it's worth it but it's already been a great experience."

The Duke students are in the midst of midterms. But they say their grades haven't been affected by their devotion to the basketball team.

"I'm still getting one of the best educations anywhere," said Luis Villa, a sophomore from Miami. "And when the weather's nice, I'd be outside studying anyway."

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There are also some dangers, though. Hoisington said you might have to fight turbulence, that could cause the wing tips to fold in and collapse.

Hoisington takes paragliding seriously. What looks like a rainbow floating on air is actually a very sensitive lifeline for the pilot.

It has been over a year since Hoisington's good friend Peter Rejlik disappeared. He had a message on his answering machine

from Rejlik saying that he was going out, but Hoisington didn't have time to go fly with him. He had flown with him at least once a week for a couple years and said he was a good pilot.

When there was no word from Rejlik, Hoisington became sub-

merged in the search to find him. Based on wind readings from that day from 30 different locations, He re-enacted Rejlik's flight and plotted out the probable paths so that the searching could be done in the most likely areas. Along the most likely path that Hoisington plotted

for Rejlik there were 31 people that saw him in a near perfect chronological line.

"It is still a great mystery," Hoisington said.

For now though, Hoisington continues to teach others how to enjoy the sport and how to fly safely.

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Flying solo, Zach Hoisington has traveled over 70 miles.



Zach Hoisington spent two years and went through 10 prototypes to design a more efficient paraglider shown above. His effort resulted in a structure that squeezes the wing tips toward the middle, much like a seagull's wings.

Soaring
with the
BIRDS

By Shelly Escalante
Daily Staff Writer

Sitting on the beach generally brings images of tanned skin, exposed pecs and bare bikinis, but it was a different kind of beach goer that inspired Zach Hoisington's senior project.

"I got the idea from watching seagulls," Hoisington said.

The aeronautical engineering senior designed a paraglider that flies faster and offers more stability than other gliders.

Hoisington, 22, spent two years and went through 10 prototypes to design a more efficient paraglider. His effort resulted in a structure that squeezes the wing tips toward the middle, much like a seagull's wings.

He said the modification causes the paraglider to fly 20 percent faster. Normally, a paraglider can travel up to 25 miles per hour.

Hoisington said his first two prototypes actually hurt the performance. Instability and too much drag were some of the problems.

The speed modification on the paraglider gives Hoisington an advantage while racing, as well. He said flying a 50-mile race can take 200-miles and up to seven hours since often the fliers are chasing lifts and turbulence factors in, as well.

Hoisington lost his national ranking when he took a year off from competing, but he had ranked between No. 2 and No. 6 over the past few years.

For sometime, Hoisington held the national record for the longest tandem flight. During this seven and a half-hour flight he traveled 57 miles.

"The only reason why I landed

was because my passenger had to go to the bathroom and she wasn't wearing Depends that day," Hoisington said. "We realized later we should have kept going."

Flying solo Hoisington has traveled over 70 miles and stayed in the air for over eight hours.

But for all his work, Hoisington now has a patent-pending on his design.

"I'm not really sure if it will be safe for paragliders. I haven't tested it enough," he said.

He would like to put at least 100 hours on the paraglider to have a better idea of what he wants to do with it, he said.

Hoisington got involved with paragliding when he was 12 years old and has kept it up for 10 years. He said he flies about three times a week.

Hoisington also teaches clinics on advanced maneuvers and flying cross-country. But he also occasionally will fly people tandem, including two 80-year-olds who wanted to experience soaring with the birds.

"The sensation that you get when you're flying is close to that of a bird," he said. "No motor, the wind in your face, it's really peaceful."

And as if flying three times a week and working on an innovative design isn't enough, Hoisington also performs experiments with designs for a paraglider manufacturer.

Pro Am paragliding company wants Hoisington to put his skills to the test on paragliders before they introduce them into the market. The company likes Hoisington so much he traveled to Austria last summer to work for their engineering intern improving designs on prototypes.

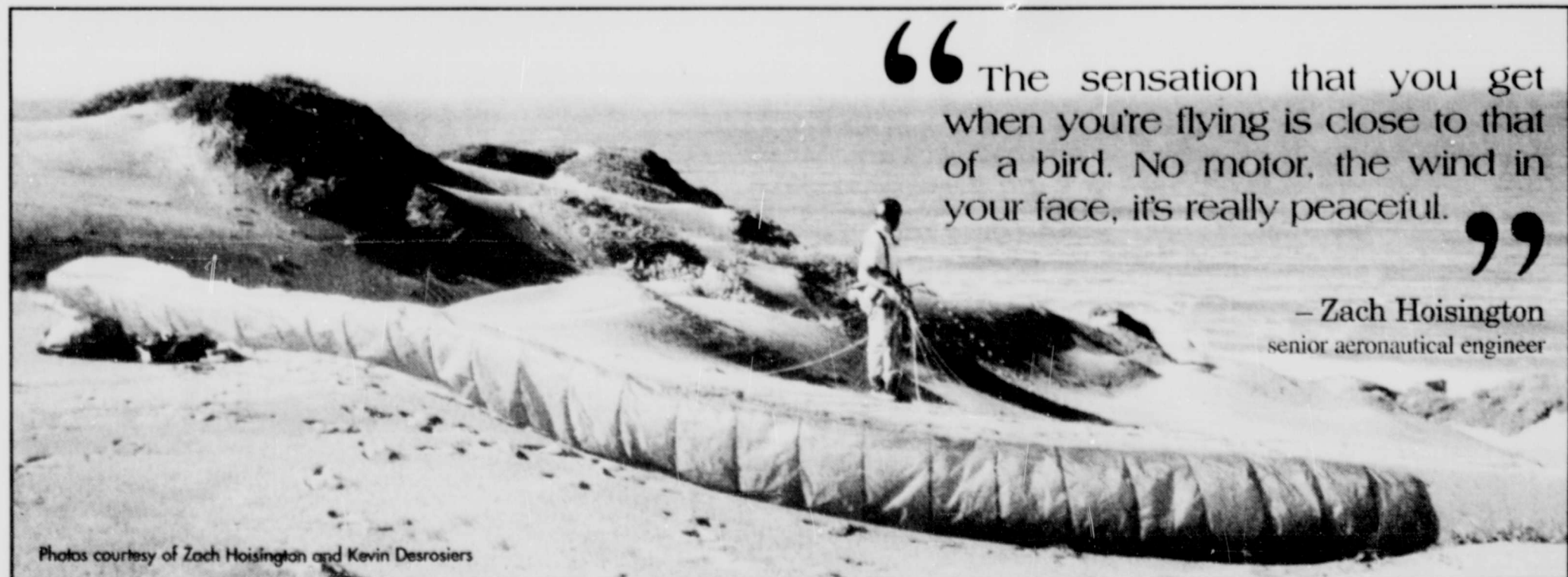
He said the most important thing he learned in Austria carries over into his career.

"I learned how useless lots of calculations can be and the importance of experimentation."

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